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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. frozen hens and 16-24 lb. frozen toms was barely steady to weak. No trading reported. Offerings fully adequate for the light demand. Retail feature activity was light on frozen hens and toms. Trading was selective on bulk meats and parts, mostly on a hand to mouth basis. Strong demand for fresh tom drums supported a fully steady to firm undertone. Demand was light on necks, wings and v-type wings, supplies were adequate to ample and the market tone ranged steady to barely steady. Fresh tom wings traded at 25 cents, fresh wing meat with skin 75, fresh scapula 113-116, fresh breast trim 148, Grade A basted 8-10 lb breasts 135 and 12-16 lb breasts 160. Retail feature activity centered on ground turkey products.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Activity was moderate on tom wings, light on the balance of items. Fresh tom drums moved at 40 cents, tom defatted gizzards at 59, fresh thigh meat at 97 and jumbo fries at 170 cents delivered.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 12, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 13, 2006**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN 13, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00 **	71.00 **	67.50
CENTRAL REGION	68.00 **	69.80	67.50
WESTERN REGION	69.40 **	71.00 **	68.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	71.00 **	63.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.00 **	69.00	62.50 **
WESTERN REGION	69.40 **	71.00 **	64.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Jan 16, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	88.41	214,000
16-24 lbs.	87.67	15,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	244,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 7-Jan-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	482	3	26.38	(A)	485	26.38
South Atlantic	352	6	28.89	(A)	355	28.89
North Central	1,648	4	35.69	(A)	1,650	35.69
South Central	585	7	18.73	(A)	587	18.73
West	222	12	24.57	(A)	224	24.57
U.S. total	3,289(B)	5	29.92	12	3,301	29.92

To-date

2006	3,289(B)	12	3,301
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To-date

2005	4,20(B)	13	4,214
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 15,000; for last year to date 33,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

December	415,671*
January 1 - 7, 2006	77,746*

To date 2005 77,746*

To date 2004 103,777*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 7-Jan-2006					
Head	1,308	1,966	15	12	3,301
Avg Wt	16.17	39.08	24.18	36.02	29.92
Last week	1,277	1,852	8	0	3,137
Same wk yr ago	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Avg Wt	16.58	39.89	25.14	33.05	30.79
To-date/2006	1,308	1,966	15	12	3,301
To-date/2005	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 JANUARY 2006.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances weak. Demand light to moderate for the adequate to instances burdensome supplies. The market tone on the balance of white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate, best on destrapped tenderloins. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady, frozen steady to weak with some considering moving -30 day old product into pet foods. Demand on fresh MST light to moderate, frozen very light to light. Offerings of fresh MST light, frozen mixed ranging from light to burdensome. Trading was moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. Fresh tom breast meat traded at 187 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	118.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	39.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	25.59	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	38.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	3
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	183.00-188.00		185.57	280
THIGH MEAT	97.50		97.50	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	99.00	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	148.77	260
SCAPULA MEAT	109.00		109.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00		187.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-22.00		21.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	37.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-25.50		25.36	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-96.00		94.67	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums was steady to fully steady with fresh in the strongest position. Demand moderate to good, best on fresh for domestic and export shipments. Offerings light. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to instances weak and attempting to settle, tom necks and 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Demand moderate to good on tom full-cut wings into export channels at the lower trending price levels, domestic light. Demand on tom necks moderate into export channels, domestic light. Offerings of tom necks and wings adequate to ample. Trading was active on tom wings for export and on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for mostly deferred shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh tom wings 25, fresh wing meat with skin 75, fresh scapula 113-116, fresh breast trim 148, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. breasts 160 cents delivered For export: fresh tom drums 40, tom defatted gizzards 59, fresh thigh meat 97, jumbo fries 170 cents delivered.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	118.00	40	118.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	20	152.65	34
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	40	104.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	14	38.82	155
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00-40.00		39.00	80	39.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-27.00		24.69	111	25.07	193
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.59	34	39.35	154
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.54	174	29.07	363
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	185.00-193.00		189.33	60	189.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	186.00-188.00		186.80	200	187.53	680
THIGH MEAT		R	97.50	10	97.10	50
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	99.00		99.00	13	99.00	63
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	148.77	260		
SCAPULA MEAT		R	109.00	40	109.00	60
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	120		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	30	70.00	30
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	186.00-189.00		187.08	100	186.57	260
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.56	540
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	40	37.51	834
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.50		25.50	416	25.68	1,016
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.50	104	19.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	94.67	120	92.96	333

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